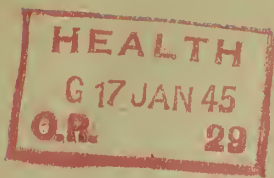


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SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	83,930
Number of Inhabited Houses (estimated)	5,084
Rateable Value	£47,920
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£193.7.10.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

No change has occurred in the social conditions of the District during the year.

EXTRACTS FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births, Legitimate	337	149	188
Illegitimate	20	10	10
Still Births, Legitimate	9	6	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths	179	96	83
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population		18.9	
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population		9.5	

Of the total number of deaths registered in the District during 1943, the following were in respect of children under one year of age :-

Males: 5 Females: 8 Total: 13

The Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 registered live births was therefore 36.4

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough	0.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	2.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	23.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

NURSING IN THE HOME.:-

The arrangements operated by the District Nursing Association and the Holland County Council continued to function during the year.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Treatment Centres and Clinics in respect of Venereal Diseases, Tuberculosis and the Infant Welfare and School Medical Services, and also for dealing with dental, orthopaedic and ante-natal cases, continue to be provided by the Holland County Council.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY:-

I am indebted to the Water Engineer for the following information :-

. Length of new main laid down during 1943 2 miles
Average daily consumption of water 189,641 gals

Samples of water have been taken monthly from the Main Supply as follows, and in each case the bacteriological and chemical result has been satisfactory :-

Bacteriological samples	...	...	...	...	41
Chemical samples	...	...	...	...	2.

GOVERNMENT EVACUATION SCHEME :-

No. of Evacuees.

	<u>Originally Billeted</u>	<u>At December 31st 1943</u>
Children of School Age	1,518	189
Children of Pre-School Age	798	13
Teachers and Helpers	245	9
Adults	504	7
	<u>3,065</u>	<u>218</u>

SECTION D.

HOUSING

Number of Buildings .. Plans passed by the Council ... 18

Number of Buildings .. New Houses occupied ... Nil

The inspection of dwelling houses in the District under the Public Health Act and Housing Act, was undertaken on complaint only, with few exceptions, the Staff of the Department being responsible for a considerable amount of work of National Importance.

Number of houses repaired under the Housing Act.	
(Informal Notice) ...	20
Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation	1
Number of houses in respect of which, Demolition Orders were made.	1

The Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

Two licences were issued enabling the Owners to re-let the premises (Demolition Order in force) to tenants engaged on Agricultural work.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Inspections of farms and dairies situated in the District have been few.

A Licence in respect of the production of Pasteurised Milk was granted during the year. Samples of this milk have been taken periodically for analysis, and in every case the result has been satisfactory.

The following Supplementary Licences were issued during the year :-

"Accredited"	1.
"Pasteurised"	1.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

The cleanliness of premises used for the preparation of food in the District has been good. 8 cases were dealt with, and the remedy suggested was in all cases carried out.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938

Number of premises on the register for the manufacture or sale of Ice Cream 7.

Number of premises on the register for the manufacture of preserved foods 32.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS

AND OTHER DISEASES

The following Infectious Diseases were notified during the year :-

Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...	36
Whooping Cough ..	...	...	...	90
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	5
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	4
Measles ...	...	...	...	377
Pneumonia . ...	...	...	...	16
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...	1

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Arrangements for the immunisation of school children and children of pre-school age are made by the Holland County Council under the School Medical and Maternity and Child Welfare Services respectively

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